



Historic Bridge Adoption Information Packet

Hardeman County

Baker Road

Draw

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Announcement

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) seeks adopters for the historic bridge detailed below for reuse according to federal transportation and historic preservation laws. The bridge is in Hardeman County, on Baker Road crossing Draw.

Priority will be given to public entities seeking to reuse the bridge in a public or publicly visible space. Bridges available through this program are not suitable for vehicular service. All rehabilitation work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* in consultation with the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

Interested parties may request additional information, indicate interest, or submit a reuse proposal by contacting:

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Letters of interest and/or reuse proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on April 6, 2026.



Figure 1. Side view of the Baker Road bridge over Draw

Bridge Location

- County: Hardeman
- Highway or Facility: Baker Road
- Feature Crossed: Draw
- Locational Information: <https://arcg.is/j4ybO>

Bridge Information

- Bridge owner: Texas Department of Transportation
- Main span type: Simple Span
- Main span length: 58 feet
- Roadway width: 24 feet
- Year built: 1939
- Builder: Works Progress Administration

Historic Significance of the Bridge

The bridge was constructed by the Works Progress Administration in 1939. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, Engineering, as a representative example of masonry-element bridge constructed by a Depression era work-relief program.

Condition Photos and Descriptions

The bridge is in poor condition. The bridge is load-posted and has exposed rebar support beams and cracks in the masonry walls. There are settlement gaps between the top concrete slab and masonry support.



Figure 2. View of concrete deck spalling and exposed rebar



Figure 3. View of crack in masonry wall



Figure 4. View of full-length crack in masonry wingwall



Figure 5. View of settlement gap between the top concrete slab and masonry support

Bridge Photographs



Figure 6. Side view of Baker Road bridge at Draw showing masonry walls



Figure 7. Baker Road bridge at Draw facing north